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This action is responsive to the communication filed May 20, 2002.

Applicant's remarks have been fully considered but are not deemed to be persuasive. Applicant has again argued that the entirety of the "improvement" clause is not shown, but the Examiner is unable to understand what applicant thinks is missing. The Examiner has identified element D of EP '416 as the insertion piece, so one should be able to understand that the channel into which D is inserted is the connection element. The Examiner has identified seal 20 of EP '416. That is all the claim calls out.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Fox at (703) 308-2595 or John.Fox@uspto.gov. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861. The fax number for Art Unit 3753 is (703) 308-7765. The Supervisory Primary Examiner for Art Unit 3753 is Michael Buiz who can be reached at (703) 308-2580 or at Michael.Buiz@uspto.gov.



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